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Dear Joshua:

You have probably seen the enclosed press release from Lippincott. I thought you might be interested in my letter to them. If you decide to communicate with them or take any other action please keep me informed. Though the New York Times and the Boston Globe ceased discussing the Rorvik hoax by the time this press release came out, it seems almost certain that it will be picked up in longer articles that will soon be coming out; and I would not be surprised if the book itself contains even more distortions of the views of scientists who have been interested in this area.

Congratulations on your ^{new} job. I wish you all possible success and satisfaction in this undertaking.

With best regards.

Cordially,

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Bernard D. Davis

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Enclosure

You can imagine how upset I was to! But I concluded that the more I said, the more fuel for misrepresentation could be handed them. So I've decided to wait until I had a channel I could rely upon before saying anything!

(Newsmen re slow)

Jph.